

PREPARING FOR THE INEVITABLE

Mine Owners at Goldfield are Barricading Property Preparatory to the Departure of Troops.

(Special to the Bonanza.)
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 23.—No body would guess that there was any fear of trouble in this camp tonight, for it is quiet as the grave, yet under the surface there are preparations going on for what is deemed will be one of the greatest struggles for supremacy ever known. Vice President Mahoney of the Western Federation is silent as to his expectations, and he has not yet proposed his plan of compromise to the mine owners. Sheriff Ingalls is also a busy man, in getting his plans under way for the protection of the town in the event that protection is needed. He has at present twenty-five deputies, and is himself constantly in evidence. Tomorrow, he will meet with Mahoney to discuss with him the situation, and listen to the plans of the Federation, if there are any to be offered.

Have not sent any telegram to President Roosevelt, further than the report that I, in company with the commissioners, made to the commission from Washington. Personally, though, I would like to see the troops remain here until the court house and the jail are ready for occupancy. This will be thirty days. The presence of the soldiers would help me in the polling of the town, and save us a great deal of expense in that direction. But after that I guess that we can get along without them. I am pretty certain that they will go next Monday as has been ordered. I do not look for any serious trouble, but there might be clashes without doubt, and one can never tell what might happen, so we will have to be prepared for anything and everything."

The mine owners say that they cannot see where there is any good to be derived from a conference with Mahoney, but they will probably listen to anything that he may have to say. They are as determined as ever, apparently, not to compromise with the Western Federation, and that is the reason given why there will be little use of a talk with Mahoney. The latter is in constant consultation with the leaders of the local union, and evidently does not intend to go to the mine owners until he can get a good argument to put before them.

There were no additional non-union men arrived today, and it cannot be learned when any more are expected. This will probably be kept as quiet as possible until the men are nearly upon the scene. The indications, on all hands, are that there is to be a protracted fight. The mine owners are putting up barbed wire fences around the mines, and have all the properties guarded, day and night.

ENDORSE HUGHES FOR NOMINATION

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Republican club tonight endorsed Governor Hughes as their candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, and called on Republicans throughout the country to co-operate in securing his nomination and election.

WOMAN KILLED BY RAILWAY TRAIN

(By Associated Press.)
BERKELEY, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Annie E. Smith was run down and instantly killed by a Southern Pacific local on Shattuck avenue today. The accident occurred in the heart of the business district, near the spot where Harold Wagner was run down on Saturday.

RUN DOWN BY FREIGHT TRAIN

AUBURN, Cal., Dec. 23.—As Fred Chenoweth and his grandson, Clyde Price, were crossing the Southern Pacific tracks in a buggy a short distance from here early this evening, the vehicle was struck by the engine of a west bound freight. Chenoweth was instantly killed, and the boy probably fatally injured. The horse was killed and the buggy smashed.

DATE SET FOR OREGON CASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—January 15th is the date set for the trial of the land fraud cases in Oregon. This announcement was made tonight by Francis J. Heney of San Francisco, special representative of the department of justice, who for some time has been investigating Oregon land frauds cases and who will assist in conducting the trial of these cases.

TRAGEDY OCCURS AT SILVER BOW

Edward Johnson Kills Hugh Fulton--Shooting Was the Outcome of Dispute Over Claim-Jumping Case.

Silver Bow has added a tragedy to its history, and a sad one at that, for it is the story of one man shooting his best friend over an argument in which neither had a very great interest.

Edward Johnson shot and killed Hugh Fulton on Sunday night. The weapon used was a rifle, and at the time the shot was fired, Fulton was in the act of turning loose a Smith & Wesson six-shooter on Johnson. The two men were in the postoffice store early in the evening, according to the story of Tom Eastman, an eye witness to the shooting. They had gone there from the Silver Bow club. Fulton had been drinking, and Johnson had had a glass or two. Johnson carried a rifle and Fulton had on a six-shooter. Both men seemed to be in the best of spirits, and joshed and joked for some time, and Fulton bought a padlock. Then they started down the street for their cabins, and Eastman accompanied them.

The conversation turned on the recent trouble over the claim jumping, and the arrest of the six men on the charge of threats against the life of Gertin. Fulton took the side of the men who had been arrested, while Johnson maintained that Gertin was right. They reached the spot where the old second-hand store used to stand, and Fulton suddenly turned on Johnson and declared that he didn't give a ——— for Gertin, or him either. Johnson tried to calm him, telling him not to get sore. Fulton then reached for his weapon, and with the butt of it in sight, Johnson admonished him not to draw.

"If you pull that gun, Hugh," he said, "I'll kill you."

Johnson kept the rifle in his hands, and did not attempt to raise it to his shoulder. Fulton was in the act of raising his gun when Johnson pulled the trigger without raising the weapon. The charge struck Fulton in the groin, and he fired, but the shot went wild. Johnson fired again and the bullet struck Fulton in the region of the heart. He lived for about twenty minutes, and died without recovering consciousness.

Johnson surrendered himself to W. G. Cook, postmaster and proprietor of the store, where the men had been only a few minutes before, the best of friends. Cook started for Tonopah with his prisoner, accompanied by Eastman, and arrived here yesterday morning. Johnson told his story almost incoherently, and cried in his cell over the tragedy which had come into his life at a moment's notice.

Sheriff Owens, District Attorney McCarran and Judge Brissell will leave for Silver Bow at 7 o'clock this morning, and an inquest will be held over the remains, and an investigation into the shooting.

DOWN COME LIGHT RATES

(Special to the Bonanza.)
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 23.—The electric lighting company is considering the proposition of reducing rates to large consumers, which may mean a cut of twenty-five or thirty per cent. There has been considerable complaint over the charges by the company, and they have come from all quarters. The Merchants' Association has been after the company with a demand for a reduction, and it is said that there was another influence, presumably the mine owners.

Assistant General Manager Poole of the Nevada-California Power Company said tonight that the reductions, if they were made, would apply only to those under contract. The reductions, in case they were made, would be made on the December bills; and in future reductions would be made to those who would sign contracts with the company for two years.

Mr. Poole said that the people to be benefited would be mostly those who operated lights all night, and that it would have no effect as far as those using power were concerned. He said that they would probably also take up the matter with Tonopah in a few days.

RESCUE PARTY FORCED TO HALT

(By Associated Press.)
JACOBS CREEK, Pa., Dec. 23.—Search for the victims of the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company was practically suspended this afternoon on account of the quantity of gas encountered. Forty-six bodies were brought to the surface. A number of others were located when those in charge of the rescue work were forced to halt.

COLTON ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR

(Associated Press.)
SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 23.—In spite of numerous protests, Judge Smith today named the Federal Trust Company as special administrator for the estate of Ellen Colton, pending developments in the legal proceedings now being prosecuted against W. J. Barnett and the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company of San Francisco.

DENVER PUTS UP PORTION OF FUND

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Dec. 23.—The first installment of \$25,000 of the \$100,000 fund promised the Democratic National Committee by the Denver convention league, was forwarded today to Chairman Thomas Taggart at French Lick, Ind. The remainder will be paid in equal installments later on.

GREAT INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five per cent increase over the same period last year in immigration from all countries was shown in the November statement of the Bureau of Immigration. The total immigration from all countries for six months ended November 30th was 378,374, an increase of 18 per cent.

REPORTS BANKS IN FINE CONDITION

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 23.—State Auditor Henry today issued a statement showing that the State banking institutions now have an aggregate of over thirteen million dollars in actual cash in their vaults. This, he says, is equivalent to thirty-three per cent of the deposits of all banks, which shows an exceptionally healthy condition.

OMAHA PAPER MAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—J. Frank Carpenter, secretary of the Carpenter Paper Company, one of the oldest paper houses in the West, suicided early this evening by shooting. Carpenter was 47 years old. Nervous prostration, which resulted in a complete break down, was given as the cause of suicide. The affairs of his company were never in better condition.

RECORD WORK ON PANAMA CANAL

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The excavation on the line of the Panama canal last month aggregated 1,838,488 cubic yards, and would have covered ten blocks to a depth of forty feet. No such work was ever done before as Colonel Goethals has been doing on the isthmus, according to statistics presented by the official canal record just received. According to the latest health report from Panama, the isthmus has been free from yellow fever for more than eighteen months and there has been a steady and continued improvement in health conditions.

CALISTOGA BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

(By Associated Press.)
CALISTOGA, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Bank of Calistoga failed to open its doors this morning. The failure of the bank to continue business was due to the financial stringency, it being unable to realize on several loans made during the holidays, which are now over-due. The bank was capitalized for \$50,000, has \$16,000 in deposits, and \$15,000 in speculative real estate. The loans amount to \$180,000. The directors announce that there will be no loss to depositors or stockholders.

INDIAN MUTINY VETERANS GATHER

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.—"The remnant of that desperate host," as Kipling described the veterans of the Indian mutiny, gathered this afternoon at Albert Hall to the number of more than 700, to commemorate the golden jubilee struggle which ended in the Indian empire being saved to Great Britain. On the pension roll at the war office are the names of 1200 survivors of the mutiny, to each of whom an invitation was sent for the reunion, but old age prevented many from attending. The youngest among the veterans is 65 years of age, he having been a drummer boy during the fighting, and even today looked to be a youngster compared with his companions, bowed with the weight of years.

UNCLE SAM WILL ALLOW GREETINGS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Such inscriptions as "Merry Xmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," etc., written on packages mailed during the holidays are not tabooed and fineable by law, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The statement has been printed in many papers throughout the country that the department had given notice that holiday greetings written upon mail matter might subject offenders to a fine.

"We wish to correct the impression," said Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General DeGraw today. "It is misleading, and is calculated to break up a practice that gives people sending presents in the mail a great deal of pleasure."

ROBBERS CACHE LOOT IN MINE

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT, Wash., Dec. 23.—It is reported here that \$14,000, the balance of the money taken by the robbers who held up the Great Northern train near Rexford, Mont., in September, has been uncovered from a deserted shaft near Leona, on the Idaho-Montana border. The plunder is said to have been found by Fritz Lang, watchman for a mining company, with whom the robbers stopped on their way to the cache. Reports say the amount was all in the original packages shipped by the Commercial National Bank of Chicago. Lang notified the railroad company and the money was delivered to the officials at Helena. Lang, it is said, received \$2000.

INJUNCTION IS NOW EFFECTIVE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The temporary injunction granted by Justice Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, last Wednesday, against the American Federation of Labor, at the instance of the Buck Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, became effective today. Until the final hearing the Federation is restrained from publishing the name of the Buck company on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" lists and from enforcing a boycott against the company or against any third person, because the latter fails to discontinue purchasing the product of the company.

STRIKE MOVEMENT BREAKING.

(By Associated Press.)
SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 23.—The strike movement in the nitrate field, which for a time tied up the business of the country, is breaking. Several thousand men returned to work today.

MARK TWAIN IN LOSING VENTURE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against the Plasmon Company, of which Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain") is acting president. The company manufactures milk products and is a branch of an English company. It is stated that Mr. Clemens invested something like \$25,000 in the company, which is now bankrupt. The company's liabilities are \$27,000 and its nominal assets \$10,000.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR PARRICIDE

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Dec. 23.—A jury brought in a verdict of life imprisonment in the trial of Henry Curtis of South San Francisco, for the murder of his son, Henry Curtis, Jr., last month. The evidence showed the killing was in cold blood.

BATTLESHIPS ARE NEARING TRINIDAD

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press tonight received the following dispatch from the flagship Connecticut, dated noon yesterday: "At noon Sunday battleship fleet is 300 miles from Trinidad."

MRS. CASEY McDANELL HURT.
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 23.—News was received here today that Mrs. Casey McDanell, wife of the proprietor of the Hotel Casey, had met with a serious accident in Los Angeles. She was thrown from a bicycle and fractured one of her legs.

FIRST DEATH ON FLEET.
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 23.—Benjamin Northway, a fireman on the United States battleship Missouri, was landed here Saturday suffering from peritonitis. He died today and will be buried in the San Juan military cemetery.

THEATRICAL MANAGER DEAD.
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Thomas Walhurst, widely known as a theatrical manager for nearly sixty years, died here today from a gripe.

EDITOR IS ASPHYXIATED.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John Palry, editor of the Jewish Daily News, was found dead in his home at Brooklyn today. He was asphyxiated by gas which was escaping from an open burner in the parlor.